

Troopers Arrest Two In Gun Investigation – Blades



Dina Hawkins



John Phifer

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Blades- The Delaware State Police have arrested two people following an investigation into possible illegal gun sales being conducted from a Blades residence.

On Thursday, December 29, 2016, troopers assigned to the Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (P.A.C.E.) team, with the assistance of the Delaware State Police Troop 5, conducted a search warrant at a residence located in the unit block of West 2nd Street, Blades, after information was gathered about illegal gun sales being conducted from the home. Upon the trooper's arrival, **Dina S. Hawkins, 39**, was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 5. The search resulted in the seizure of 2 handguns, 5 assault weapons, 4 shotguns, 2 hunting rifles, and 9,305 rounds of ammunition. **John D. Phifer, 63**, who also resides at the residence, was taken into custody after he had responded to Troop 5 on an

unrelated matter.

John Phiher was arrested and charged with three counts of Giving a Firearm to a Felon and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. He was arraigned at JP Court 3 and released on \$10,000.00 unsecured bail.

Dina Hawkins was arrested and charged with three counts of Giving a Firearm to a Felon, thirteen counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was arraigned at JP Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution in default of \$42,000.00 secured bail.

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